

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 25, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-18, 21-29, and 31-39 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 10, 21, and 31 are independent. Claims 19-20 and 30 were previously withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, 21, 27, 31, and 37 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 21-29 have been allowed, and no new matter. Claims 1-18 and 31-39 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 21-29 are allowable.

Claims 1-18 and 31-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being unpatentable subject matter because claims 1 and 31 recite the word "algorithm." Applicants have amended claims 1 and 31 to remove the word algorithm. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of the amendment.

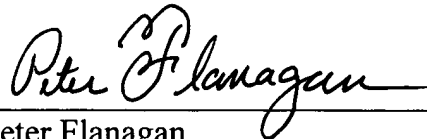
Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that this ground of rejection is a new ground of rejection that was not presented in the previous Office Action and was not necessitated by Applicants' amendment. Although the previous Office Action included a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, it was not on the ground that the claims included the word "algorithm," although they did include that word at that time.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the previous Office Action be withdrawn.

There are no pending rejections of the claims on the basis of prior art. Accordingly, for the reasons explained above, it is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-18 and 31-39 are definite and recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the prior art. Claims 21-29 have been allowed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that all of claims 1-18, 21-29, and 31-39 be allowed, and that this application be passed to issue.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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